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SUBJECT: PROJECTED DAC ODA LEVELS

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1. FRENCH HAVE NOT MADE AVAILABLE PROJECTED ODA LEVELS FOR PERIOD THROUGH 1979, CLAIMING THEY HAVE NOT MADE PROJECTIONS OF THIS NATURE NOR BROKEN DOWN ASSISTANCE FOR THE FUTURE BETWEEN BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL FORA. TRADITIONAL ANALYSIS OF FRENCH AID DIRECTIONS HAS BEEN IN FRENCH SUBMISSION FOR DAC ANNUAL REVIEW OF FRENCH AID PROGRAM, BUT PREPARATION HAS BEEN DELAYED THIS YEAR. HOWEVER, TOTAL ODA FOR 1974 IS $1,615 BILLION OR 0.59 PERCENT OF GNP; FOR 1973, $1,448 BILLION OR 0.58 PERCENT; FOR 1972, $1,332 BILLION OR 0.67 PERCENT; AND FOR 197L, $1,075 OR 0.66 PERCENT.

2. FRENCH FINANCE MINISTRY ADVISES THERE IS NO GOF POLICY TOWARDS BILATERAL VS. MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE OR ANY EFFORT TO PRE-DETERMINE ANY FIXED PROPORTION
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BETWEEN THE TWO. EACH MULTILATERAL PROPOSAL -- IBRD,

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IDA, REGIONAL BANKS, ETC. -- IS CONSIDERED ON ITS OWN MERITS. BASED ON PRIOR EXPERIENCE, THERE IS LIKELY TO BE STRONG RESISTANCE WITHIN GOF TO ANY PROPOSAL TO CUT BACK BILATERAL ASSISTANCE TO PERMIT SIZEABLE INCREASE IN MULTILATERAL AID.

3. PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING ANNOUNCED THAT HE HOPES TO GET FRENCH ODA BACK UP TO 0.7 PERCENT OF GNP BY 1977. SOME GOF OFFICIALS PRIVATELY INTIMATE THAT THIS IS OVER-OPTIMISTIC IN VIEW OF HIGH INFLATION RATES EXPERIENCED.

4. BY WAS OF EXPLANATION, FRENCH RETICENCE ON FUTURE PROJECTIONS PROBABLY SHOWS CONCERN PRIMARILY ABOUT REACTION OF BENEFICIARIES, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE SPECIAL NATURE IN WHICH FRENCH AID TO AFRICAN FRANCOPHONES IS ADMINISTERED BY MIN COOPERATION.
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